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Karin Madsen, Environmental Engineering Technician  
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**Via Email**

Subject: **Resolution to Letter of Violation and Non-Compliance with UPDES Permit Limits**  
UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. Lila Canyon Mine, UPDES Permit No. UTG040024

Dear Ms. Madsen:

On April 15, 2019, the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) received correspondence from the UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. Lila Canyon Mine facility (Lila Mine), which was in response to the Letter of Violation DWQ sent to Lila Mine dated March 27, 2019 regarding effluent limit exceedences for total suspended solids (TSS) in violation of UPDES Permit No. UTG040024 (permit).

Even before the correspondences referenced above, DWQ was informed via emails and phone calls from you that the Lila Mine had been actively working to resolve the TSS permit violations by further treatment of the mine water prior to discharging. DWQ has since been informed that as of May 2019, the Lila Mine has returned to full compliance with the TSS permit limitations and has remained in full compliance to date.

At this time, no further action is necessary regarding the Letter of Violation, but please keep in mind that DWQ may initiate further enforcement action, including administrative penalties as per *UAC R317-1-8*, to formally address any future TSS permit violations or other violations of state and federal water quality rules and regulations as appropriate.

Thank you for your attention to resolving the previously cited violations. Your efforts to remain in full compliance with the provisions of your UPDES Permit are appreciated. If you have any

questions with regards to this matter, please contact Jeff Studenka at (801) 536-4395 or by e-mail at [jstudenka@utah.gov](mailto:jstudenka@utah.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Garn', is positioned above the printed name.

Matthew Garn, P.E., Manager  
UPDES Surface Water Section

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Cc: Via Email

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